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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2005, the term for response to which expires on September 29, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-11, 14-16 and 20 are canceled; claims 12, 13, 17, 19 and 21 are amended; and claim 18 is maintained.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Amendment (14)

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents

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Dated: September 29, 2005

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